facilitate their return to the Valley. The Panun Kashmir has raised the demand for a separate homeland for the Kashmiri Pandits in North-Eastern Kashmir. These demands have, however, not been considered reasonable. The aspect of security of the returnee migrants will be kept in mind while finalising and implementing the Action Plan for their return and every step will be taken to ensure safety of the migrants.

As regards inclusion of Kashmiri Pandits in the process for restoring peace and normalcy in the State of J&K, the Government would like to invite all militant groups and political leaders including Kashmiri Pandits to come forward.

Arrest of persons responsible for Bomb Blasts

1913. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrest of persons alleged to have been responsible for the bomb blasts in the churches of Goa and Karnataka has been made in Bangalore;

(b) whether the arrested persons belong to Deendar Anjuman Group;

(c) if so, what are the activities of the Deendar Anjuman Group; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Deendar Anjuman has connections with Pakistan's Intelligence Agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) In joint operations conducted by the Central agencies, and the State Police forces of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa, 35 (22-Andhra Pradesh and 13 in Karnataka) activists of an organization called Deendar Anjuman having links in Pakistan have been arrested so far in connection with the series of bomb blasts in churches in these three States.

Investigations have revealed that the main activities objectives of

the Deendar Anjuman are to organize disgruntled Muslim youth into a militant organization for Jehad in India, to create disaffection between various communities and to discredit the secular credentials of India in international fora.

Invitation for Negotiation on Autonomy Resolution

1914. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir has been invited by the Prime Minister for negotiation on the autonomy resolution passed by Jammu and Kashmir Assembly;

(b) whether such resolution has been rejected by the Union Cabinet;

(c) if so, what is the further scope of negotiation on the resolution; and

(d) whether it would lead to encouragement to secessionist forces in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Union Government has not accepted the resolution passed by the J and K Assembly as its acceptance would set the clock back and adversely affect the interests of the people of the State. The Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people. Keeping this in mind, the Chief Minister, J and K had called on the Prime Minister on 17.7.2000. It was mutually agreed that Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir will be in touch with each other on the subject of